

Library Bond Act Grant Applications - Cycle 1 Individual Application Summary

<i>Project Name [Number]</i>	Morgan Hill Public Library 1036	<i>Current Square Footage</i>	13,900
<i>Applicant</i>	Morgan Hill, City of	<i>Project Square Footage</i>	40,600
<i>Operating Library Jurisdiction</i>	Santa Clara County Library	<i>Service Area Population:</i>	42,126
<i>Project Type</i>	New Library		
<i>Project Priority</i>	1st	<i>Anticipated Construction Start Date:</i>	4/1/2004
<i>Joint Use Type</i>	Joint Venture		
<i>Multipurpose?</i>	NO	<i>Total Project Amount</i>	\$20,688,861
<i>Leased Site:</i>	NO	<i>State Grant Amount</i>	\$13,298,260

Bond Act Factors [California Code of Regulations Title 5, Section 19998 (a)]

	Rated	Other
<i>Needs of urban and rural areas:</i>		[see map]
<i>Population growth:</i>		115%
<i>Financial capacity of applicant to open and maintain operation of the library (new libraries only):</i>		Yes
<i>Age and condition of existing library:</i>	Poor Condition (= Very Good)	
<i>Inadequacy of the existing library in meeting needs of residents and the response of proposed project to meeting the needs:</i>	Very Good	
<i>Plan of Service integrates appropriate electronic technology:</i>	Very Good	
<i>Appropriateness of proposed site for the proposed project:</i>	Outstanding	
Overall Rating:	Very Good	

Summary of Review Panel Comments

Population Growth 114.5%

Age and Condition The existing library was built in 1973 and has not been renovated. Major deficiencies of the current facility: inadequate space for all activities; not in compliance with seismic and ADA codes; inadequate technology infrastructure; no meeting room facility.

Needs of residents/response of proposed project to needs The needs assessment process included input from a broad range of individuals and groups via a variety of methods, including a professionally conducted phone survey, focus groups, public meetings, individual interviews with stakeholders, and staff interviews. Demographics were gathered and analyzed, resulting in the appropriate determination of library service needs.

The plan of service follows the needs assessment, identifying library services that will fill the needs identified. One of the joint venture aspects of the project will be a home-schooling center in conjunction with the school district's home-school outreach program, providing space for teachers to meet with home-schooling parents on a regular basis. A homework center and a family literacy program are the other joint venture services. The services planned for students are appropriately supported by the needs assessment, but appear to be tentatively supported by the school district due to funding constraints.

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The building program follows the plan of service and is very well done. The sections devoted to lighting and telecommunications in the general specifications are thoroughly done. Spatial relationships and individual spaces are well described.

The conceptual plans follow the building program, providing for required adjacencies and square footages, with one exception. Not all non-assignable spaces and square footage is shown on the plan.

Joint use agreement: Family Literacy Center & Homework Center The cooperative agreement appears to represent a partnership, but the school district seems tentative about commitment of funding, adding the phrase, "provided funding is available" several times. The school district would be involved in providing funds for the family literacy program, homework center materials and furnishings, and for staff to conduct programming.

Plan of Service Integrates Appropriate Technology Technology will be used to solve the current basic service needs for the clientele, as well as considered for the future, including consideration of robotic technology for check-in and sorting library materials.

Appropriateness of Proposed Site The proposed library site is within the Civic Center campus, which includes the city hall and other city offices. The site is accessible by public and private transportation, by bicycle, and by foot. In addition a Caltrain commuter rail station is within walking distance, connecting all city bus lines. The downtown area and residential areas are within walking distance, as are five schools. The site provides for future expansion for both the library and parking.

Financial Capacity The applicant has committed to the on-going operation of the completed library.